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Mr. E. H. Patawa, Tribal Chairman
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Dear Mr Patawa:

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NOTIFICATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEES

As a follow-up to the October 5, 1990, letter, same subject, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Field Office (RL) hereby invites the Federated Tribes of the Umatilla and all other potential natural resource trustees and co-trustees to participate in the natural resource trusteeship activities at the Hanford Site.

In accordance with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and Clean Water Act, DOE has natural resource trustee status regarding injuries to natural resources on the Hanford Site. The Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (the Tri-Party Agreement [TPA]) also names DOE as a relevant Federal natural resource trustee, along with the U.S. Department of Interior and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

RL is proposing a meeting with the appropriate trustees and co-trustees to take place in Richland, Washington, on March 22, 1993, to discuss RL's proposed approach for addressing any natural resource injuries and, if appropriate, discuss the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) roles and responsibilities. The exact location for this meeting will be announced later. NRDA activities include preassessment screening (e.g., identification and extent of natural resource injury), initiating NRDA, natural resource restoration plans, etc.

RL requests that you indicate in writing whether you wish to participate in the above mentioned meeting and any future natural resource trusteeship activities at the Hanford Site.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Alex Teimouri of my staff on (509) 376-6222.

Sincerely, **ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**
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Record Note: This letter invites all potential trustees and co-trustees to participate in the Hanford Site restoration activities for any natural resources residual injuries that are not or cannot be addressed in the remedial/corrective processes. Except for the letter to State of Oregon and ACOE, all letters are to remind the appropriate Federal and State agencies as well as the tribes to participate in the NRDA process. State of Oregon and ACOE were the only one that did not receive an invitation to coordinate in October 1990.

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